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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 23, 2004 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted concurrently herewith are: (1) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) a Petition for Extension of Time for Three (3) Months extending the due date from September 23, 2004 to and including December 23, 2004; and (3) formal drawings of Figures 8-11, which are attached herewith in Tab A.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.

The Conclusion appears on page 9 of this paper.